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FOR D/HA MRS DERIAN FROM CHAPLIN

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SHUM, AR
SUBJECT: REPORTING CABLES ON YOUR CONVERSATIONS IN BUENOS AIRES

REF: (A) STATE 193418, (B) STATE 192822, (C) STATE 191385, (D) STATE 193416, (E) STATE 193417

REGRET OUR DELAY IN REPLYING. WE HAVE BEEN UP TO OUR EARS IN VISITORS.

1. RE MEETING WITH MINISTER OF INTERIOR ALBANO HARGUINDEGUY (STATE 193418), PARA 7 SHOULD STATE THAT HE HANDED YOU COPIES IN SPANISH OF ICRC REPORTS. (I WAS ABLE TO LEAF THROUGH BOTH VOLUMES RAPIDLY WHILE THE CONVERSATION WAS GOING ON, SO I DO NOT BELIEVE THERE WAS A DELIBERATE ATTEMPT TO WITHHOLD THE INFORMATION FROM YOU.) IN PARA 4, ADD "WHO" AFTER WIVES. WE DID NOT GET A COMPLETE TEXT OF PARA 11.

2. VISIT WITH ADMIRAL MASSERA (STATE 192822). IN PARA

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3 IT SHOULD READ CORPS COMMANDER, NOT CORE COMMANDER.

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IN PARA 5 WE SUGGEST THAT "NAVY HAS NO TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION" BE CHANGED TO "VIRTUALLY NO" OR "NO BUENOS AIRES JURISDICTION", (AS I RECALL MASSERA SKATED VERY CLOSE TO BEING MISLEADING ON THIS POINT BUT DID NOT FLATLY STATE THEY HAD NO JURISDICTION. THIS WOULD BE OBVIOUSLY FALSE, SINCE THE NAVY CONTROLS CONSIDERABLE AREA IN THE SOUTH OF THE COUNTRY.) ALSO INSERT "LEGAL" BEFORE "SYSTEM" IN PARA 4.

3. MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY GROUP (REF D).
(A) IN PARA 10, SENTENCE 1 REPLACE "HEAD OF THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMUNITY" WITH "LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE." FOURTH SENTENCE, REWRITE AS FOLLOWS: "THE RESPONSE WAS THAT AN OFFICIAL ORDER INSTRUCTS ALL SECURITY FORCES TO SUBMIT NAMES OF THOSE DETAINED TO THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR WITHIN 10 DAYS OF CAPTURE. (ALTHOUGH A SHORT EXTENSION CAN BE REQUESTED FOR CAUSE IN EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES.) THE NAMES OF THOSE DETAINED ARE PUBLISHED UPON RECEIPT.
(B) PARA 11, FIRST SENTENCE INSERT "CLASSIFIED" BEFORE "BOOK". SECOND SENTENCE, LAST WORD SHOULD BE "CHARGE" NOT "PENALTY". NEXT SENTENCE, "REITERATED" WOULD BE BETTER THAN "EXPLAINED".
(C) IN PARA 13, THE FOLLOWING SHOULD BE ADDED: "(MRS. DERIAN SUBMITTED LETTER TO FONOFF ON AUGUST 9. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED NO REPLY)".
(D) PARA 17, SENTENCE 4, LAST CLAUSE SHOULD BE REWRITTEN AS FOLLOWS: "AND THE SUPREME COURT'S INQUIRY REGARDING THE XECUTIVE BRANCH'S PROCEDURES IN CONSCIENTIOUSLY INVESTIGATING HABEAS CORPUS PETITIONS HAS NOT BEEN ANSWERED YET." SENTENCE 9 REWRITTEN AS FOLLOWS: "HERE SHE NOTED THE DISTRESS
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OF THE FAMILIES...". SENTENCE 11, REWRITE "SHE WONDERED IF BELOW THE LEVEL OF THIS GROUP, IF THE OFFICIALS AND THE ARMED SERVICES...". IN THE LAST SENTENCE, DELETE "FIRST".

4. MEETINGS WITH PERMANENT ASSEMBLY (REF E).
(A) IN PARA 1 REWRITE: "HUMAN RIGHTS COORDINATOR DERIAN MET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF PERMANENT ASSEMBLY ON AUGUST 9. ASSEMBLY REPRESENTATIVES DESCRIBED

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TWO RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS: (1) THE SUPREME COURT'S REQUEST TO THE PRESIDENT THAT THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH THOROUGHLY INVESTIGATE THE HABEAS CORPUS PETITIONS FILED BY FAMILIES ON BEHALF OF 'DISAPPEARED' RELATIVES. THE ASSEMBLY HAS ITSELF AIDED IN THE SUBMISSION OF 655 HABEAS CORPUS PETITIONS..."
(B) PARA 3. SEVERAL TYPOS IN OUR COPY. IN LAST SENTENCE REPLACE "LIBERAL" WITH "MODERATE".
(C) PARA 8, REWRITE SENTENCE 2: "MRS. DERIAN ASKED IF THE GROUP THROUGH THAT CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT OF OPTION TO SELF-EXILE WOULD BE REINSTATED". SENTENCE 3, DELETE SOME "10" AND INSERT "A FEW".

5. ODDLY ENOUGH WE ARE HAVING SOME TROUBLE WITH FRED RONDON'S CABLE ON YOUR LUNCHEON WITH COX AND NIELSEN (STATE 191385). FRED INSISTS THAT HIS NOTES WERE CORRECT AND STICKS BY THE TEXT. COX, WHEN QUESTIONED ABOUT ONE OF THE STATEMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO HIM, DENIES IT AND INSISTS THAT IT IS BACKWARD. WE WILL GET IT ALL SORTED OUT AT SOME POINT.

6. DISTRIBUTION. WE SEE NO REASON WHY YOU SHOULD LIMIT THE DISTRIBUTION OF THESE MESSAGES AND THEY MIGHT EVEN BE OF INTEREST TO OUR EMBASSIES IN NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES. MISS BOVA HAS DONE A FINE JOB IN CAPTURING THE TONE OF THE CONVERSATION. IF YOU AGREE WITH THESE CHANGES, WOULD YOU WANT US TO SEND
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